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### **In light of Pledge ruling, Nethercutt says Eastern WA judge needed to add common sense to court**

WASHINGTON – Rep. George Nethercutt (R-Wash.) issued the following statement on the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals decision to rule the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional:

“Decisions by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals are overturned more than any other circuit court’s decisions. This decision just proves once again that the Ninth Circuit needs a common-sense judge from the Eastern District of Washington to bring a voice of reason to the federal judicial bench.”

“The Pledge of Allegiance recited by Americans of every age is an affirmation of our principles of democracy, justice and individual liberty, and the declaration of our being ‘one nation under God’ is at the heart and soul of America and her distinguished history.”

“This decision is also a reminder that the Senate needs to get busy and confirm 45 of President Bush's judicial nominees who would serve as a counterweight to this type of nonsense.”

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